over-bridge at Bolangir is nearing completion.

(c) and (d) Railways undertake construction of road over/under-bridges in replacement of busy level crossings jointly on cost sharing basis, with the State Governments depending upon the priorities accorded by the State Governments. Three road over-bridges, two near Bhubaneswar and one near Sambalpur, sponsored by the State Government are presently under consideration.

Preparation of Athletes for 1988 Seoul Olympics

207. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether preparations and proper training of our athletes and players who are likely to compete in 1988 Seoul Olympics has started;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the selection of athletes and players for the aforesaid olympics is likely to be made so that they can mentally and physically prepare themselves for participating in the Seoul games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In athletics the coaching camps are under progress. In hockey also training has started. One shooter and one table tennis player have qualified for participation in the Olympics and they are under-going training. One swimmer has been sent for training to Australia. Coaching camps in other disciplines where India expects to qualify have also started.

(c) The prospective players are already under coaching. The final selection will be made approximately six weeks before the games.

Construction of Bridges over Railway Crossings in Madhya Pradesh

208. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of bridges over railway crossings that have been sanctioned during the last two years in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the execution of these works has been progressing at a very slow pace; if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) what amount was allocated during the current financial year for each of these bridges and what amount has so far been spent on them; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to expedite the execution of these sanctioned bridges and by when they are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Eleven.

(b) Finalisation of plans, estimates and other preliminaries for undertaking execution of the works is in progress, jointly with the State authorities.